

**CHAPTER NO. 142**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1978**

**By Crutchfield, Haynes**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2012**

**By McMillan, West**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 2, relative to wage regulations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-2-103, is amended by deleting the period (.) at the end of the next to last sentence of subsection (h) and by substituting instead the language "and may be assessed at the discretion of the commissioner, or the commissioner's designated representative."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-2-104, is amended by deleting the period (.) at the end of the next to the last sentence of the section and substituting instead the following language "and may be assessed at the discretion of the commissioner, or the commissioner's designated representative."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:


50-2-109. (a) If, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of written notification of penalties assessed pursuant to this part, an employer fails to notify the commissioner in writing of its intent to contest the imposition of such penalty, the assessment of penalty as stated in the notification shall be deemed a final order of the commissioner, and not subject to further review.

(b) All penalties owed under this part shall be paid to the commissioner.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 5, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR